

REMARKS

The Withdrawal of Notice of Allowance dated **September 16, 2010** has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Record of Interview

On September 8, 2010, an interview was conducted by telephone between Examiner Chan and the undersigned. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for granting this interview. The details of the interview are set forth in the Interview Summary document made of record.

Claim Status and Amendment of the Claims

Claims 1-2, 5-12, 15-21, 24-29, 31-39, and 41 are currently pending.

No claims stand allowed.

Claims 3-4, 13-14, 22-23, 30 and 40 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Claims 36 and 41 are hereby amended to more closely correspond with Claim 32. Support for these changes is found in the specification, figures, and claims as originally filed. The Amendment also contains minor changes of a clerical nature. No “new matter” has been added by the Amendment.

Terminal Disclaimer

Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer regarding commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/458,628, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321.

Request for Acknowledgement of Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with Form PTO-1449 citing a single reference was filed in the above-identified patent application on February 18, 2010. The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the subject Form PTO-1449 with the document initialed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Request for Entry of Amendment

Entry of this Amendment will place the Application either in condition for allowance, or at least, in better form for appeal by narrowing any issues. Furthermore, the present Amendment neither raises a new issue nor requires a new search, since the Examiner has already considered the limitations at issue, and other changes are only concerned with formality of the claims. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is appropriate and is respectfully requested.

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-3557.

Respectfully submitted,

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